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MET DEATH ON THE GREAT DEEP

Captain of Noranmore Tells Thrilling Story.

AT MERCY OF STORM

Unknown Bark With Some Ten Souls Aboard in Sore Distress.

MASTLESS AND DECKS AWASH.

A Steel Life Boat, Launched from the

Noranmore was Swamped and Bent Into the Shape of a Horse Shoc. When Day Broke no Trace of the Bark Could be Found,

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 26.-Special.-The Belgian steamer, Noranmore, arrived here eday from Laverpool terribly battered the hurricane which wrecked the British steamer Ariosto, near Hat-

ory of the stress his ship suffered, and probable loss during the hurricans of some ten men who were upon a trange back, with which the Noranmore IN SORE DISTRESS.

At the height of the storm the Noran-

A steel life boat was induced by an men put off toward the bark. It was swamped before the line was cast off, and was later hauled aboard the steamer, bent in

elicved that to the many myste-It is believed that to the many hydrese of the sea another has been added.
The Noranmore, a steel ship of 10,000
tons gross capacity, limped in here with
two blades of her propeller missing, abrivets term from her plates and her bows

Bark Stranded. APALACHICOLA, PLA. Dec. 25.-The Italian bark Du Frattell, Astarta master, from Rio de Janeiro, stranded on Saint George's Cape to-day, and has been aban-dened by her crew. All hands were saved,

DWIGHT L. MGODY BURIED.

His Body Borne to the Church by the Students of Northfield Institute.

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS. Dec. 26.—The inneral services over the remains of Dwight L. Mondy were held at the Congregational church bere today before a very large audience. Hev. C. I. Sconfold, D. D., officiated, assisted by Rev. A. Torrey, of the Moody libble institute, Chicago: There were services at the late residence of Mr. Moody early in the day, only relatives and close friends being present. Dr. Schield read the Scriptures and Mr. Torrey offered prayer.

rey offered prayer.

When the family had withdrawn, the corpse, which had been permitted to remain upon a leathern couch, was placed in the casket, which was of simple design, black covered and open at full body was borne to the church on

The body was borne to the church on an oblong black covered bee, by about forty students from the Northield Institute. The body remained on view in the church until 2 o'clock.

At the public funeral services the music was rendered by the choir of 150 students. It Scholield delivered an eulogy, in which he gave an estimate of the man and his work. Other addresses followed, and the body was then carried to the burnal place at Round Top.

The chorus sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and after prayer and a benediction, the body was lowered to its resting place.

TRUE TO HIS FIRST LOVE.

W. J. Bryan Says He Has no Idea of

Abandoning Silver Issue. AUSTIN. TEXAS, Dec. 26.-William

Neb., which it is estimated will cost befifty and seventy-five thousand

Will Represent the Government. MACON, GA., Dec. 20.-United States district Attorney Marion Erwin left tonight for New York to represent the gov-ernment in the hearing of the Gaynors and Greene before United States Commissioner Shields in the conspiracy charges

connected with the work of Ex-Captair O. M. Carter at Savannah and in Cumber-

Mr. Erwin before leaving said that whill he expected a hard legal battle to pre-vent the indicted men from being sent to Savannah for trial, he had no doubt that they would be sent. The hearing in New York, he says, will not touch the merits

REPORT FROM OTIS.

Details of Engagements Since General Lawton's Beath.

Lawton's Death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Under to-day's date, General Offs at Manila, reports some details of engagements with the insurgents following the death of General Lawton, His dispatch follows:

"Following recent minor engagements: Capture San Mateo, December 19th, General Lawton killed; Captain Khan, Twenty-ninth Infantry, Lieutemant Breckening, Seventh Infantry, sightly wounded, four enlisted men slightly wounded; captainsurances.

gents; killed wounded and capturest, 25 and 20 rifles; Lieutenant Read, Thirty sixth Infantry, wounded right thigh, med-erate, Hughes, Hollo, reports fourren-band attacked Erownell's company Twenti-sixth Infantry, near Jare, repulse, with heavy loss in men and 23 rifles. In 24th instant, killing dive, capturing five rifles. In mountains, southern portion Battan province. 2th instant. Captain Comfort, Thirty-second Infantry, struck insurgent band, wounding four, and hav-ing one man wounded. Major Spence. ing one man wounded. Major Spenc same regiment, same locality, capture insurgent corral with 125 cattle and ponte

countains near Sulug; one man missin (Signed.) "O'TIS." Shooting Affray on the Tennessee Line.

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MIDDLESBORO, KY, Dec. 25.—Three shooting scrapes with four men dead are reported from Virginia and Tennessee near the State line.

At Tazewell, Tenn., Jim Thompson killed Turrison Ray in a drunken row.

At Adanheus Hill, R. Roverton and John Coombs fought a duel and both were killed. They were prominent in their neighbarhood.

At Walnut Hill, Va., Bald Ely and his uncle, named Dons, had a quarret in

uncle, named Dops, had a quarrel in which the latter was killed.

To Increase the Capacity.

office of the company, voted unanimously to complete the mill building of the com-pany at North Highlands to the full ca-

ATTORNEY RYAN MAKES A REPLY

Charges Mr. Williams With Enriching His Own Syndicates at Cost of Other Stockholders.

one of the principal stockholders of th Scaboard and Roanoke railroad, has issue the following telegraphic reply to the oublished telegram from John Skelter Williams, president of the Senboard and Roanoke road, in the controversy over the control of the Scaboard Air Line sys-

"New York, Dec. 26, 180. John Skeiton Williams, President Sca board and Roanoke Raffroad Company

Richmond, Va.

"I have just received from my attorneys a report of the court precedings had at Raleigh on Thursday last, and observe that your representative there read in open court a copy of a telegram sent me by you on December 12, 1829, which I have

not heretofore answered.
"I did not reply to it when received, because its terms forbade further negotitudes them, it declared, to be sure, that you had made 'all the efforts, suggestions and propositions that any fair-mined man could reasonably desire, but the proposi-tion was embedded in your 'preliminary plan of clousolidation' presented to me of October 23d and by which I was invited to co-operate in a plan involving the issue of \$13,50,000 of bonds on the combined account of the combined to the combined

purposes:
"You proposed to take \$13.56,000 of these bonds to refindure your various syndicates for the securities they had bought "You proposed to give \$2,285,000 of these

bonds in exchange for Georigia and Ala-hama stocks, on which I believe a divi-a nd has never been paid.

TO PURCHASE SEABOARD STOCK.

"With \$1,00,000 you proposed to purchase or retire cortain shares of Scaboard stock and stocks in some other reads held by minority stock-hoiders.

"You proposed to use \$1,300,000 to retire car trust notes and \$1,000,00 to pay for the South Carolina extension, leaving \$141,000, which you describe as a balance for miscelloceurs requirements."

a dispatch from Washington stating that he had written Congressman Daly, of New Jersey, that he would make several speeches in the East, discussing trusts and imperialism, and he was asked as to whether the report indicated any intention of abundaning the silver question. He said:

"Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the East, but I expect to discuss the money question along with other questions. There are three questions now prominently before the people, to-wit: The maney question; the trust question, and the Philippins question. Whenever I make a political speech I discuss all three questions.

Mr. Hyran will leave here Saturday for Mr. Hyran will leave here Saturday for the property of the property, but the exception of those of the Seaboard and Roanoke, and the Pay Line, have not paid a dividend for years.

"Having thus you describe as a balance for miscellaneous requirements."

"In short, you proposed to place on these roads an additional annual interest charge in debtedness of \$12,525,000, burdening them with an additional annual interest charge of nearly \$20,000, not one dollar of the property, but the entire amount of \$12,525,000 to be used by you to reimburse your syndicates for money paid for stocks, which, with the exception of those of the Seaboard and Roanoke, and the Pay Line, have not paid a dividend for years.

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Mr. Bryan will leave here Saturday for his trip to Lincoln. Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago, and thence to the East. He will be gone about one mooth.

Mrs. Bryan to-day received a letter from Andrew Carnegle stealing that he would gladly furnish the money for the crection of a library building at Lincoln. Neb., which it is estimated will cost he.

NEITHER WISE NOR CONSERVATIVE "You described this plan as 'wise, con-ervalive and equitable." You call it an servative and equitable. You call it an honest effort to work out 'A reorganization.' You say 'It means much for this whole section of the country. I can eadily see what it means to you personally

(Continued on Third Page.)

BRITISH AND BOERS RESTING ON ARMS

There is Little Change in the Situation.

JOUBERT IN COMMAND

General Hunter With 500 Men Sortie From Ladysmith.

GLANDERS AMONG THE MULES.

Twenty-Six Have Been Killed and Seventy-Eight More are Isolated. Sedition is Reported to be Spreading in Cape Colony. Norwegian Bark Regina Captured by British.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-4:59 A. M.-Dis delayed. But they are arriving more

There appears to be no great change

in the situation. A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques dated Thursday Docember 21, gives the dated Tuesday December 19;

"The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer Bridge, over the Tugela River with a view of smashing, it.

"The bombardment of Ludysmith is proceeding slowly. General Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a hearty

welcome. He addressed the Eurghers on December 18th.

"More British prisoners have been sent to Protoria, including Colonel Bullock, Major Walters, Major Ballwark, Major Foster, Captain Dick, Captain Nortern, Captain Fitzherbert, Captain Ford, Cap-tain Hitchinson, Lieutenant Bonham, Lieutenant Smythers, Lieutenant Thourno Lieutenant O'Conneyghy, Lieutenant Kunbauld, Lieutenant Charistian, Lieukunbauld, Lieutenant Charistian, Lieutenant Brigg, Lieutenant Blrch, Lieutenant Halford, Lieutenant Tarbuil and Lieutenant Jones."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith dated Friday, December 15, by hellograph says:

"Another sortic last night, General Hunter, with 50 volunteers destroyed one six-inch Creuse, one Howitzer and one Maxim. One Britton killed. The Boer gunners ded."

Maxim One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled." gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters here that tieneral Buller's destruction of the Tugela bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

DISAFFECTION GROWING.

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Dispatches from various points indicate os steady growth of Dutch disaffection he Cape Town correspondent of the any Chronicle reports the discovery of

he disaffected Dutch colonists and the en-orcement of the penalties of treason

frica from India at the special request Lord Roberts, even after the govern-cent had decided that no more troops hould be withdrawn from India. The War Office has nominated Sir Wil-

iam Stokes as consulting surgeon to the South African forces. He will leave Dubin for the Cape in a few days. Lord Somerset writes to the Times urg-

ing the seigure of Lorenzo Marques and its retention, it necessary, until the end of the war, in order to prevent the land-ing of war material for the floers.

Inn of war material for the Hoers.
The transport Tantallon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a number of howitzers and quick-fire guns, which General Buller urgebuly needs.
A dispatch from Medder River, dated December 21st, reports that letermitten

ring was continuing on both sides, al-hough the Boer shells fell short, FREE STATERS SURRENDER.

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A number of Free State burghers had surrendered. There is an innomirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont. It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

The tests of wireless telegraphy at Med-

The tests of wireless telegraphy at Moder River have been highly successful, communication over a distance of 30 milesbeing perfectly established. Six Marcon-instruments, intended for the Boers, have been seized at Cape Town.

A dispatch from Ehleveley Camp, dated Thursday, December 21st, says:

"Lyddite shells are daily thrown into the

Heer camp to prevent them working at he treaches. The Bring of big guns is neard daily from the direction of Lady-

Elandslangte, and brought to Cape Town and succeeded in making his escape from

EUROPEAN OFFICERS. LONDON, Dec. 26.-The Cape Town orrespondent of the Dally News, tele

raphing Wednesday, December 26th "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends remain at Modder River about three

vecks longer.
'From Boer sources, hitherte singulary well informed, I learn that there are labt thousand European officers and nea skilled in the modern military factics. articularly artillery, now in Pretoria as

Our administrative official in the Cape service, who has just returned from of-ficial relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of the British reverses has says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in lo-calities where there is no open revolt." LONDON, Dec. 26—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Cape Town dated December 25th, saying: "There is no danger in the situation at Modder river. General Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not dis-turbed bits."

"Heneral Gatacre reperls that a force of 150 police has occupied Dordrecht, the Bourg retreating with no loss."
GLANDERS AMONG MULES.

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LONDON, Dec. 28—A cable dispatch from Caps Town, dated Wednesday, December 19th, says that glanders have broken out among the American mules, of which there are 1,160 at the Stellenbosch Remount form. Twenty-six of the mules have been destroyed and is have been destroyed and is have been isolated. The dispatch says sedition is spreading in Cape Colony. Three mem, bors of the Carpe Parliament are sileged to be implicated and one of them is said to have presented a Free State flag to a

Boer commander, at the same time expressing the hope that he would carry it to glory and yietory. Another member of Parlament is cald to be recruiting for the Boers. In addition, wealthy farmers are now alding the invaders.

FRETORIA, Monday, Dec. 25.—Gen. Joudert has recovered and returned to the trout to-day.

There were special services yesterday in the different langers as thanksgiving for the victories of Colenso, Stormberg

and Modder river. LONDON, Dec. 26.-The latest cable despatches from South Africa show that he situation at the tront is practically unchanged. With the exception of desul-tory artillery practice, to which the Bo-ers do not reply, the British continue

to mark time.

The Boers heavily bembarded Ledysmith for a couple of Bours December
16th, the day after the battle of Tugela iver, but little damage was done. The

the garrison.
Advices from Cape Town say the New, Zealanders with General French at Nanuw Poort were in a tight corner December 18th. They were nearly surrounded by Boers and retired under a hall of illets fired at short range, but sustained enty little loss.

Among the Roers killed at Stormberg were many of that locality who had join ed the Orange Free State forces. Severa newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from the Modder river, ap-parently confirming the belief that an imadvance of the British is not BRITISH MAKE A CAPTURE.

DIRBAN, Tuesday, Dec. 19.—The Nor-wegian bark Regina, from Java, loaded with stretchers and railway sleepers has been captured near Delagoa bay and brought here by the British second-class cruiser Forte.

MODDER RIVER. CAPE COLONY. Wednesday, December 30.—The British may all guns command the whole Boer posi-tion and possess the exact range of every

stone and bush.

They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of

The burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas. Recent arrival-from Jacobsdal report that notwithstand ing the Roer success, the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They com-plain of the overbearing conduct of Gen-eral Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest post-

The Transvaulers do not conceal their suspicious of the possible defection of the Free Staters, and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering. The Free Staters are said to regard subjection to the Transvaal, as more to be feared than subjection to Great Brit-

OFFICERS KILLED.

The War Office has received a despatch from Pletrmaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, December 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysm'th, December 22, Major A. C. King, Captains Wathen and Oakes and Lieutenants Hulse and Fawcett were wounded and that nine non-complishing officers and men were killcommissioned officers and men were kill

This engagement has not been recorded

GIBRALTAR, Dec. M.-General Lord Kitchener has arrived here from Egypt.

ARIOSTO'S DEAD.

Full List of Those Lost Near Ocracoke.

N, C, CAPE HENRY, VA., Dec. 26,-Fellowing s the full list of men lost by the swamp lug of the steamer Ariosto's boats in the surf near Ocracoke, N. C., furnished by Mr. S. L. Dosher, United States Weather Bureau official, Hatterast John Kent, chier officer: W. L. Inford, second officer: J. W. Scott, second engineer; E. Roberts, third engineer; J. W. Willcox, fourth en-gineer, Kyellin, donkeyman, Hongscher gineer; Kyellin, donkeyman; Honuscher, chief steward; Neumann, second steward. Meninger, cook; S. Segar, mess-room boy Collin, Herrik, Law, Gishiansen, Henric-sen, Gustassen, sailors; and Hansen, Michael, Litsan, Hammertund, Osterman

The steamship lies broadside to the beach and apparently in good condition Captain Baines, Chief Engineer Warret Third Officer Reed and six men, all that were saved, are still being cared for at the Ocracoke Life Saving Station.

REV. MR. PATTON HAS DECLINED

He Will Not Come to St. Mark's Church, This City-Rev. Dr.

Theron H. Rice May Accept,

The congregation of St. Mark's Episco pal church will regret to learn that Rev Robert W. Patton, of Christ church, Roanoke, has declined the call extended

him by the committee of St. Mark's. The letter declining the call was written yesterday and it probably will be read pefore the Committee very soon in order that they may extend a call to another

After Mr. Patton's return to Rosnoke last week he was repeatedly approached by prominent gentlemen of that city and urged to remain with Christ church of Resnoke called upon Mr. Patten and layed before him the importance of hi declining the call to this city. Heart deciming the can every tongue and everything that could possibly be done to keep Mr. Patton in Roznoke was done. The clergy of the city also urped him

to stay.

THE GOOD OF HIS WORK. Owing to the great pressure brought to bear upon Mr. Pation of the great good and importance of his work in Roanoke, he states that he feels compelled to re-main with his old congregation. He is held in tender esteem and affection by the members of Christ church, and they held a meeting recently and drafted suitable and appropriate resolutions touching the call of their pastor to another field.

HAVE THEIR HEARTY SUPPORT. The resolutions, which were unan-mously adopted, stated that it was the earnest wish and desire of the congre-gation of Christ church that he should remain in charge of that church, and pledging their hearty and generous sup-port and undiminished confidence and affection. REV. DR. THERON H. RICE.

The Committee of the Second Presby-The Committee of the second Fresdy-terian church, recently appointed to se-cure a minister for the vacancy at that church, and who have extended a call to Rev. Dr. Theron H. Rice. of Atlanta, have not yet received a reply from Dr. Rice. He has just declined the call extended him from Franklin street church. Baltimore, and it is probable that he may accept the call to this city.

VICTIMS OF THE MAINE

Now on the Way to Arlington Cemetery.

WITHOUT CEREMONY

They Were Transferred From the Texas to the Train.

WILL BE BURIED TO-MORROW. The Ceremonies Will be Simple and Dignified, and Will Consist of

Prayer, Reading of Scripture, Dirge by Marine Band, and Firing of Volleys Over the Graves.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 26-Spec ial.-The remains of the gallant dead of the ill-fated battleship Maine are now on their way to Arlington cemetery. The special train of three baggage cars and a coach left here at 10 o'clock to-night, and will reach Rossiyn station at 7 o'clock in the morning. There, Colone! T. E. True, depot quartermaster, will meet the train and have the remains removed in army wagons to the cemeters.

coffin, some of the cuskets being smaller than others. They were brought to the side of the ship and lowered, two at

lighter.

It had been intended to bring the remains ashore at 11 o'clock, but Captain Sigsbee decided to postpone the trip until after dinner, so it was 1.30 o'clock when the lighter reached the Chesapeake and Ohio passenger pier. Lieutenaut Commander Dillingham and Chaplain Chidwick supervised the placing of the remains on the lighter. Captain Sigsbee personally supervised their transfer from the lighter to the cars.

DRAPED IN THE STABS AND STRIPPES.

DRAPED IN THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Aboard this lighter the coffins were arranged in two huge square piles of seventy-five coffins each covered enseventy-five coffins each covered entirely with the Stars and Stripes, on ton of which were scores of beautiful wreaths. Between these two piles wall a single coffin draped in a flag. This coffin contained the remanis of Frederick C. Holzer, of New York. He was one of the blue-jackets who were terribly injured in the explosion and died several days after in the hospital at Hayana. Captain Sigsbee went to see him the day after the explosion. The poor fellow was suffering the most excruciating agony, but he seemed to be thinking more of the Captain's troubles than of his own, for he turned to him and said: "Captain, I am sorry you had such bad luck this trip." "I am afraid you sailed with the wrong captain, Holzer." said Captain Sigsbee. Holzer denied it strenges are successful to the was assuring him to the contrary. The remains went by express this afternoon to A. J. Holzer. No. 150. In putting the contrary.

In putting the comms aboard the lighte and in removing them to the cars, the sturdy bine-jackets handled them as ten-derly as though they contained the re-mains of their own relatives or friends. Jack feels it." said Captain Sigsber

catentlously.

The remains are entirely in charge of Captain Sigsbee until they are turned over to Colonel True. The captain west open the Washington boat to-night and will reput to the Department before go-ing to Rosslyn, Licutenant Benham, with ing to Rosslyn, Licutenani Benham, with twelve blue-jackets, went on the train as an except, as did also Chaplain Chid-wick, the faithful. In the twelve re-ferred to was one Jeremiah Shea, now of the Texas crew. Of Celtic origin is Jeremiah. He is one of the two men who were saved from the sleeping deck of the Maine. Only two saved, the rest portched.

HOW HE DID IT.

Those who have seen the pictures of the wreck recall the tremerdous mass of twisted pipes and other debris which the explosion flung together on this sleeping dock. It was from under this debris that Jeremiah, in some miracu-lous manner crayled.

ous manner, crawled, "How on earth did you do it, Jerry?" ked the Chaplain.
"I don't know," said Jerry, saluting,
unless it were that I must be an armor-

W. H. Greegor, general agent of the passenger department of the C. & O., ac-companied the train. He has been in charge of the transportsitional arrange-ments, with General Yardmaster E. I. Ford, of this city, in charge of the de-tails, with which Captain Sigsbee was

'I am much pleased," he said, "everything was perfect; could not have been better. I am glad of it. There was not a hitch."

Captain Sigsbee expressed himself feet-

igly, talking of the death of Anthony, his famous orderly.

The Texas will probably go from here to Lambert's Point for coal. From there she will go to old Point and await the orders which will send her south to join the North Atheric Squadron Cana're. the North Atlantic Squadron Capta'n Sigsbee is expecting orders to be detached and transferred to the Bureau of Intelli-gence. Lieut.-Commander Dillingham is in charge of the ship in his absence. A MARINE GUARD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.-The special train of the Chesupeaks and Ohio Railway, bearing the remains of the Maine dead, is expected to arrive at Rossiyn, Virginia, to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. From there they will be taken in a wagon train to Arlington cometery and placed in tents and shelter boxes A marine guard of 25 men, in command of a commissioned officer, will meet the cortige at the cometery and be maintained over the remains until after the inter-Barring accidents and unava'dable de-

lays, the funeral ceremonies at Arilington will take place at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The ceremonies will be simple and d'gnified, and will consist of prayer, the reading of scripture, dirge by the Marine band and the firing of volleys over the graves. A covered stand, appropriately decorated with the national colors, has been erected at the site of the graves for the use of the President and other distinguished personages who have indicated their intention of being present.

ENTIRELY NAVAL.

Captain Sizsbee, commanding the bat-

Captain Sigsbee, commanding the bat-

tieship Texas, which brought the remains from Havana, will have charge of the ceremonies at the cemetery. Father Chidwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, will conduct it. will conduct the religious services at Ar-lington.
A troop of cavalry from Fortress Myer

A troop of cavalry from Fortress Myer probably will assist in the ceremonies at the graves, but with this exception, the demonstration will be entirely naval. The escert will consist entirely of Marines and a small body of blue jackets, headed by the full Marine band under Lieut. Santieman. The band will render appropriate music at the cemetery, and the Marines will fire volleys over the graves. "Taps" probably will be sounded by buglers from the cavalry band at Fort Myer.

MAINTAIN EXISTING RATES.

Conference Between Officials of the Southern and Seaboard Systems,

Southern and Scaboard Systems.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 25.—At a conference of representatives of the Southern Railway and the Scaboard Air Line recently held in New York, it was decided that the two companies will during the coming year, at least, maintain existing rates. The conference related to the excites recognize entered into on January rates. The conference related to the existing agreement entered into on January 1st between the Baltimore Steam Packet Company and the Baltimore. Chesapeake and Richmond Steamboat Company. President John Skelton Williams, and Vice-President and General Munager Sherwood, of the Packet Company, and General John Gill, president of the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, conferred on this subject with President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Ballway, Reuben Foster, general manager of the Chesapeake Line, and Skipwith Wilmer, who is the Baltimore counsel for the Southern Railway.

Railway.

It is understood that a distriction was shown by both sides to reach a mutual arrangement for the continuous of the agreement, expiring in January, and of agreement arrangement which runs out at a

The rumors that there is to be another war between the Southern railway and the Scaboard Air Line are said by those in a position to know, to be without foundation.

It is stated that both systems have all the business that can be handled at pres-ent rates, and not only the opposition of financial interests, but that of the mer-cantile community as well would deter any move in this direction at present.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

Four Killed and Others Injured as Re-

sult of an Operator's Error. MISSOULA, MONT., Dec. 26.-Four men-were killed and several injured to-day in a wreck on the Northern Pacific rail-road, six miles east of Bear-Mouth The dead; Engineer K. B. Rheim, Fireman A. Dickson and two tramps stealing a

de.
The injured: Brakeman Wallane Mix seriously scalded and bruised: Engineer I. W. Brebe: Conductor L. A. Yake Other trainmen were injured but not general The operator at Bonito allowed the freight train from the west to pass when it should have been held on the siding. The operator, who was a substitute, has

STOCKTON TO BE LAUNCHED TO-DAY

Miss Katharine Stockton and Party Reached the City Last Night.

Will Leave To-Night. Miss Katharine Stockton, who will be the the launching at 1 o'clock to-day, arrived in Elchmond last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Stockton and Miss. Stockton, all of Princeton, N. J., compose the launching party, which is now at the Jefferson, where they are the guests of

he William R. Trigg Company. Last evening the party was tendered a informal reception by the officials of the

Trigs Company.
PLANS FOR TO-DAY. The party, according to the present plans, will spend the morning quietly at the hotel, and immediately after luncheon will be driven to the Ship yards. The Stockton will take her initial plungs at o'clock, and immediately after the aunching luncheon will be served to the

guests, at the yards. guests, at the yards.

After luncheon, a four of the Trigg Com-rany's plant, and will then be driven around the city and visit various points.

"" interest before returning to

ine party will leave for the north this evening.

THE SPONSOR. Miss Katharine Stockton, who will break the bottle of wine over the steel prow of the diminitive fighter and christen her the Stockton, is the oldest unmarried daughter of the oldest son of Commodore Spectron after whom the vessel is named. She resides at Princeton, N. J., the home of the late Commodore Stockton, Mr. Bayard Stockton, who accompanies her,

Besides the members of the launching party who will be entertained, will be Rear-Admiral Hichbarn, U. S. N., chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, and Capatain Samuel C. Lembey, U. S. N., Judge Advocate General, who will officially represent the Navy Espartment, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Petherick, of London, England, who are now visiting this country. Mr. Petherick is well known to naval cir. Mr. Petherick is well known in navai cir

The Trigg company has issued invitations to the Governor and his staff. Lieutenant Governor, the mayor of ity and city officials, the Board of Aldercen, the City Council and the members f the various committees who had in harge the arrangements of the Civic Carnival in connection with the recen-numbing of the Shubrick, the stockholders in the company, their families and

friends. The Citizens' Band will render a musical programme at the exercises.

Big St. Louis Faiture. ST. LOUIS. Dec. 26.-The Siegel Hill-

man Dry Goods Company, which operated a large department store here, to-day filed a deed of trust to secure all its creditors in the sum of \$200,000. The amount of assets is not made public. Thomas II.
McKittrick, of the Hargadine McKittrick Dry Goods Company, one of the heavlest creditors, was named as trustee. He
took immediate charge of the business,
and will continue it.

Died of Hydrophobia.

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. M.-Abram K. Lefevre, a farmer of Greenland, aged forty-five years, died this morning from hydrophebia. He was bitten en the hand by a cat about four months ago, but did not feel any III effects from the wound v III effects from the wound vatil Saturday.

PLANNING FOR A BIG CONTEST

Candidates Already Out for the Governorship.

SWANSON IS TO RUN

Ellyson Will Again Aspire to the Nomination.

FIGHT ON THE LAND-GRABBERS

days in Perfecting a Bill-Scores of Persons Want to be Made Inspectors of Fertilizers-Little is Said About Changes in the Election Law. Hon. James I. Shelton, the member of the House of Delegates from Louisa, is

Delegate Shelton is Spending His Walls

Richmond. He is at work upon a bill to correct what he regards as bad features in the land-grabbers' act. He will offer this measure soon after the Legislature econvenes.

Mr. Shelton states that the people of his ounty have sufered under the provisions of the act passed at the last session. Many have had to pay money to the landgrabbers in order to save their property. Mr. Shelton is a very earnest advocate of the Barksdale bill, or some measure like it, that will prohibit the improper two of maney in elections.

spending a part of the holiday season in

tise of money in elections.

TICKET FOR 1901.

There has been a good deal of talk among the members of the General Assembly about candidates for the State offices to be nominated in 1901. Congressions as well as a full-fledged. man Swaason seems to be a full-fledged candidate for the Governorship. It is said some of his friends, men who have been ery active in politics, will support this

For Governor-Claude A. Swanson, of

Pittsylvania.
For Lieutenant-Governor-Harry Maynard, of Portsmouth, or Marshall Mc-Cormick, of Clarke. For Attorney-General-Francis R. Las-

siter, of Petersburn.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson's friends are de-termined to present his name for the Governorship, and they are already at work for him. The admirers of Lieuten-mit-Governor Echols are auxious for him to enter the race. Attorney-General Montague will not, I am informed by persons who are supposed to enjoy his confidence, aspire to the Governorship, but will run for renomination for the office he has so worthily filled for two years.

The contest in 1901 promises to be one of convent interest.

of unusual interest, THE INSPECTORS. There will be scores if not hundreds of andidates for the positions of inspectors f fertilizers, created under the act passed of fertilizers, created under the act pussed last week. The appointees will not hold office during the entire year, but for a few months in the spring and fall. They will receive not exceeding \$75 per month and travelling expenses during their terms of service. The salaries will be fixed by appointments will be made by the Commissioner of Agriculture, by and with the consent of the board. There will probable about (an inspectors employed, and, if

gressional distric ELECTION LAWS. Little is said about any changes in the election laws. The fight for a constitu-tional convention overshadows in interest to repeal the Walton-Parker election law. but it is not likely to receive serious con-sideration. There appears now to be little

doubt that the convention bill will be passed, notwithstanding the objections that will be urged by some members.

A BRUTAL MURDER. Blind Man Chocked His Wife to Death

in Baltimore. BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Frankin B. Livingston, a blind man 56 years old, choked his wife, Rosic Livingston, to death this morning at their home, No. 1969 Columbia avenue.

The first knowledge the police had of the crime was when Livingston walked into the Southwestern Police Station. Livingston gave his name and address and told in great detail the story of the kning. Livingston was locked up and the p

lice went to the house, where they found the bedry of the woman which Livingston had placed in a bath tub. The condition of both rooms gave evidence of a strug-Jealcusy is thought to have been the motive for the crime. Livingston was a civil war pensioner and lost his eyes in

the battle of Fair Oaks. General Prooke at Fome.

ST. AUGUSTINE, PLA. Dec. N.-Ma-jor-General Brooks, with Captain I. T. Dean and Lieutenant C. W. Castle, of his staff, have arrived here from Havana. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Cieneral Brooke, who arrived at St. Augustine, Fla., to-day from Cuba, is not coming North at once, but it is expected, will stop at St. Augustine or some other convenient Southern resort for a time in order to avoid a sudden change of climate.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local. -Talk of the next State ticket -Number of marriages in the city.

-Arrival of the sponsor and party to christen the Stockton.

-Rev. Mr. Patton declines the call to

St. Mark's church.

Thrilling story told by a man at the county jail. State. -Cousins open an old family feud in Rappahannock and shoot to the death.
-Owner of road from the National Cemetery to Rossyn in litration.
-The Norfolk and Western railroad to build a hospitial at Roannoke.
-Coroner's jury decide that Burt Huni killed Parrish in Petersburg.
-Henry Hensley, sixteen years old dies in Page county of hydrophobia.

-Bark with ten or twelve aboard lost

Foreign. -British and Boers still marking time.
-Hunter makes a sortie from Lady-

-General Senta Ana attacked Subis gurrison, but is repuised.